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In Re Application of:

Richard N. Ellson et al.

Serial No.: 10/087.372

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Examiner: Unassigned

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM USING ACOUSTIC EJECTION FOR PREPARING AND ANALYZING A CELLULAR SAMPLE SURFACE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Sir:

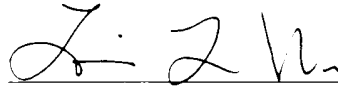
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 4, 2002, transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
2. a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventors;
3. a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status;
4. a Blanket Petition for Extension of Time and Authorization to Charge or Credit Deposit Account;
5. an Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR § 1.97, Form PTO-1449, and copies of cited references; and
6. a check in the amount of \$927 to cover the required fees (surcharge, \$65; statutory basic filing fee, \$370; additional claim fees, \$492).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0580. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

## Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 370 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

## Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

- Additional claim fees of \$492 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

## SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$927** for a Small Entity

- \$370 Statutory basic filing fee.
- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$492**

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- \$450 for 50 total claims over 20.
- \$42 for 1 independent claims over 3.

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